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REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner set forth a restriction requirement whereby the claims were restricted into three separate groups. These groups included Group I, which includes claims 1-6, 17, 18, 23, and 24; Group II, which includes claims 7-16; and Group III, which includes claims 19-22.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, including claims 1-6, 17, 18, 23, and 24, with traverse.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claim 1. Claims 1-24 remain pending with claims 7-16 and 19-22 withdrawn from consideration.

In restricting the claims into the three invention groups, the Examiner contends that the invention groups are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The Examiner then states that the subcombinations are distinct if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. However, it is believed that this is the case when there are just two subcombination invention groups. Here, the Examiner has not shown any basis for restriction between invention Groups II and III.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is patentable. Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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